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*Glory to God in the highest;
and on earth peace, good will to men.*

A Greeting and A Wish

 *HIS is my Christmas greeting and
wish for you.*

*It has no value in the market
and no great art in its making.
But if you will let it mean to your heart
what it means to mine at this glad season, there
will be in it a worth above money value, and a
beauty that art alone never gives.*

*I earnestly wish that every good brought into
life by the Christmas Christ may be yours.*

*That you may have a heart of cheer, a
spirit of hope, a hand of help, a life of love
for every day in all the year.*

This is my Christmas wish to you.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.

The children and young people of the Sunday School will give the cantata entitled, "The Spirit of Christmas," published by Rosche, on Christmas evening.

This cantata is full of beautiful sentiment and presents in a very realistic manner the real idea of Christmas. There is no time all the year when selfishness and greed should be crowded into the background as at the Christmas time,—Christ came to bring joy and gladness, not to a favored few,—but to the world. There is no place where this beautiful spirit should manifest itself as in the church, by the people who have received the greatest of all gifts into their hearts and lives. It is our wish that this little cantata may only be a representation of the real life of the church.

The following children will participate: Marie Barbier, Miskel Till, Icy Masterson, Mildred Wertman, Nellie Doring, Lillian Schaders, Ruby Wagner, Ruth More, Ada Gumper, Amber Till, Helen Trish, Loretta Gooly, Irene Smith, Ruth Siebold, Louise Klinkenberg, Esther Bitner, Mae Siebold, Ruth King, Martha More, Fern Masterson, Esther Kessler, Pearl Trish, Verna Klinkenberg, Florence Bell, Vera Sessler, Ruby Zeis, Helen Zeis, Valetta Daseler, Sindy Daseler, Florence Smith, Earl Dinger, Jerald Coppenhaver, Earl Gebert, Howard Gumper, Ralph Siebold, Kenneth Habecker, Howard Weickart (Brownies) Edward Riley, Ralph Rogers, Frank King, Donald Gooley, Edward Siebold, Henry Klinkenberg. Miss Bertha Bitner and W. A. Hobson will have prominent parts in the cantata.

There will be a chorus of fairies with a fairy scene tableaux.

The cantata will be preceded by an exercise consisting of recitations by the following children: Richard Weller, Valetta Daseler, Josephine Saffen, Helen Zeis, Helen Bruer, Marie Siebold, Ada Gumper, Dorothy Shunk, Randolph

Saffen, Ruby Zeis, Martha More.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 27th, the chorus choir will render selections from the sacred cantata, "The Incarnation," by Geibel. This beautiful cantata was rendered last year, and was much appreciated by all who heard it.

In the evening the cantata, "The Coming of the King," by C. A. Ward, will be given in full. The program is as follows:

Praise the Lord.....Chorus
Who forgiveth all thy sins.....
.....Soprano Solo and Quartette
Praise the Lord.....Chorus
O praise the Lord.....
.....Baritone Solo and Chorus
Arise, O Lord, unto thy rest....Chorus
For Thy servant David's sake.....
.....Recitative Baritone
Hark the voice eternal.....
.....Soprano Sol and Male Quartette
Comfort Ye.....Recitative Tenor
Every valley shall be exalted....Chorus
And the glory of the Lord.....Chorus
Thus saith the Lord.....
.....Recitative Tenor and Chorus
Behold a Virgin shall conceive.....
.....Bass Recitative and Chorus

—Part II.—

O thou Bethlehem.....
.....Tenor Recitative and Chorus
For unto us a Child is born.....Chorus
There were shepherds abiding.....
.....Solo Soprano and Chorus
For unto us is born this day.....
.....Solo Tenor and Chorus
Glory to God.....Chorus
Shout the glad tidings.....Chorus
Rejoice greatly.....
.....Solo Soprano and Chorus
Lift up your heads.....Chorus
The Jews Passover....Recitative Tenor
Hosanna in the highest.....
.....Chorus of Women
Because this is He.....Recitative Bass
Hallelujah, Amen.....Chorus

NAMES OF CHOIR.

Sopranos—Miss Neta Heyman, Miss

Pauline Werkman, Miss Frieda Banning.

Altos—Miss Williamine Saffen, Miss Carrie Banning.

Tenors—Mr. Frank Thompson, Mr. Albert Schaaf, Mr. Calvin Ruhl.

Bass—Mr. W. A. Hobson, Mr. Earl Thompson, Mr. Lawrence Blue.

ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S SUPPER.

At a recent meeting of the men of Grace church it was decided by unanimous vote to give the Annual New Year's Supper as in previous years. A committee was appointed consisting of the following men: C. H. Gumpfer, W. F. Close and Geo. Gemmer to make the preliminary arrangements for the supper. This committee had a meeting and appointed the following committees:

Soliciting Committee—Irvig Bitner, Wm. Hobson, W. F. Close.

Purchasing Committee—Frank Leikauf, Rev. A. K. Zartman.

Waiters — Head waiter, W. F. Close; Harry Metzner, Flint Knott, A. Barbier, Ed Close, W. G. Page, A. E. Maines, B. G. Maines, Barney Hattle, George Ruck, Albert Klingenberg, Wm. Hilbish, George Gemmer, Irving Bitner, Wm. Rudisill, Carl Kessler, C. Hossler, W. Walters, F. E. Moore, Jno. Bottger, John Sessler, Louis Martin, C. Rogers, H. P. Dinger, Wm. Dreibelbiss, Jesse Benton, George Smith, D. Mullen, C. Rogers, Harry Vordermark, R. F. Dinger, Arthur Weiler, J. H. Brewer, Burt Weaver, Elmer Wertman, Edward Riley, Oscar Snook, F. Hildebrand, William Fosler, C. E. Crum, Roy Bitner, William Botteran, Fred Roth, A. Guiliam, E. A. Payne, Irvin Kessler, William Rudisill.

Carving Committee—Frank Leikauf, John Koepf and John Ruck.

Coffee Committee—L. W. Hills, C. H. Gumpfer, Ed. Hesser, George Gemmer.

Kitchen Committee—Oscar Riley, H. J. Straub, Wm. Martin, Ed. Siebold, Wm. Siebold, Chas. Robinson, Louis Wilkening, Geo. Saffen, Arthur Bitner, Raymond Close, Frank Bitner, Chas. Knight, Floyd Siebold.

Reception Committee—Rev. A. K. Zartman, Dr. J. W. Coblenz, R. Gavin, Jacob Rudisill, Valentine Monn, D. Wilbert, Dayton Balzel, Wm. Clemens, Henry Kessler, John Schneider, William Moore, Geo. Hesser, John Smith, James Smith, D. Null, Victor Gubert.

MENU.

Roast Veal	Mashed Potatoes
Brown Gravy	
Cranberry Sauce	Celery
Slaw	Coffee
	Pickles
	Etc.

At the annual congregational meeting on New Year's evening there will be an election for two elders and two deacons, a financial secretary and a treasurer. The following nominations have been made by the consistory: Elders—H. E. Vordermark, W. F. Close, Geo. Hesser, John Ruck; Deacons—H. E. Metzner, Calvin Hosler, Charles Rogers, C. E. Crum; Financial Secretary—W. A. Hobson; Treasurer—W. F. Close.

All members in good standing and who have contributed to the support of the congregation according to their ability during the year preceding the election shall be entitled to a vote.

Lord! for tomorrow and its needs,

I do not pray;

Keep me from stain of sin,

Just for today;

Let me no wrong nor idle word,

Unthinking say;

Set Thou a seal upon my lips

Just for today.

—Canon Wilberforce.

Sow thou sorrow, and thou shalt reap it,
But—sow thou joy, and thou shalt keep it!

—R. W. Gilder.

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January 10th the pastor will begin a series of Sunday evening stereoptican lectures on missionary topics. Each lecture will be illustrated with from seventy to a hundred slides. These are some of the finest slides that can be obtained. At each lecture an offering will be received to pay the expense of the slides.

The following are the dates and topics of the lectures:

Jan. 10.—In Darkest Africa.

Jan. 24.—Our Filipino Cousins.

Feb. 7.—Darkest Chicago.

Feb. 21.—China's Teeming Millions.

March 7.—Social Problem.

March 21.—Japan and the Japanese.

Miss Stella Bottger is visiting friends at Kalamazoo, Mich.

The annual congregational meeting will be held on New Year's evening in the lecture rooms of the church at 7 o'clock. The Men's Supper will be given from 5 to 7. At the congregational meeting beside hearing important reports from our church treasurers and secretaries there will be an election for two elders, two deacons, a financial secretary and church treasurer, and there will be other business to be transacted. The meeting is appointed for New Year's evening because it is believed that a larger representation of our members will get out at that hour than in the morning. We hope we are right in our belief and **that we will have a larger attendance at this meeting. Come to the supper and remain for the meeting at 7 o'clock**

The tickets for the New Year's Supper are 25 cents. The men expect a large attendance at their supper. Come and get your supper, and then be on hand for the annual meeting at seven o'clock.

The midwinter communion service will be held on Sabbath morning, January 10th.

Do not forget your Christmas offering. Bring it to the church at any time during the Christmas season.

The Financial Secretary has sent out the Annual Statements to all the members of the church. The Finance Committee of the Consistory hopes that if at all possible the weekly pledges for current expenses may be paid up in full by Dec. 31st.

The week of prayer begins with the first Sunday in the new year. We expect to have services each evening during the week. We expect to hold most of the services at the homes of our people in different parts of the city. Make your plans to attend these meetings.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Aid Society will be held Thursday afternoon, January 7th, in the lecture rooms of the church at 3 o'clock. At this meeting there will be an election of officers and other important business will be transacted. Every member of the society should be present.

Wednesday evening, Dec. 30th, we will have a stereoptican Christmas service in the church auditorium. The subject will be Hoffman's Life of Christ, illustrated with some fifty slides. Every person is invited. An offering will be received at the service to meet the expense of the slides.

What about your subscription for the church debt and organ fund? If you have not already filled out your card, will you not try and do so before the annual meeting January 1st?

I thank Thee, Lord, for having kept
My soul and body while I slept.
I pray Thee, Lord, that through this day
In all I do and think and say—
I may be kept from harm and sin
And made both pure and good within.

THE SEWINGS.

It has been gratifying to the women of the church that the aprons they made have been sold without any effort. Early in the fall a Christmas sale was contemplated. This idea was abandoned when it was found that the women could scarcely fill the orders they had before Christmas. On the last day of the sewing, Dec. 9th, there were thirty-two aprons made. These have all been sold and there are a few orders to be filled after the holidays.

It is to be hoped that after the busy season is over we may get down to steady work. We are sure that there will be plenty of work for us to do, and there should be a harmonious effort on the part of the women to keep up the work, looking forward to a sale a few weeks prior to Easter. Do not make the excuse that you are too busy at home. Do not form the mistaken idea that you are the only busy woman. Every woman who is a home-keeper has plenty to do. It is only a question of how much of your time you are willing to give for the Lord's work. How much of a sacrifice you are willing to make. If you can help to make the Lord's house a little more attractive by leaving your own for a little time, is it not your duty? Consider yourselves favored that you have been called to do work for the church.

Cherril Druckenbrod is at home from Grand Rapids for the holiday vacation.

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Y. P. S. C. E. TOPICS.

Jan. 3.—Noble Purposes—Acts 11:19-23; Josh. 24:14-25. Leader, Lulu Bitner.

Jan. 10.—Living for Eternity.—Heb. 7:15, 16; Matt. 16:24-27. Leader, Lizzie Rudisill.

Jan. 17.—The City of Destruction.—Acts 16:25-34. Leader, Wm. H. Hobson.

Jan. 24.—Life Lessons from Genesis—Gen. 1:1-8; 26-31. Leader, Irving Bitner.

Jan. 31.—Missionary Study on China.—Leader, Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

Mildred Weickard died at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Sarah Night, Friday morning, Dec. 4th. She had been sick for a little over a week with typhoid fever. The pastor saw her on the day previous to her death, prayed with her and talked with her about giving her heart to Jesus. She was then a very sick child but was fully conscious and told the pastor that she prayed for herself and had given her heart to Jesus. She was a very happy and promising girl. She was a member of Miss Clara Schaaf's class in our Sunday School. The funeral service was held on Monday afternoon, Dec. 7th. Her mother died about two months ago. The father and one brother survive her.

How about opening your treasures as did the Wise Men, and give some of your gold, frank incense and myrrh unto the Lord?

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